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FUNDRAISERS RALLY ROUND FOR BRAVE AVA

Family and friends launch £10,000 campaign on behalf of four-year-old facing second cancer battle

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

FAMILY and friends have launched a fundraising campaign on behalf of a little girl who is battling cancer for a second time aged four!

Ava Stokes, who lives in Aughton, with parents Kelly and Mark and older brother Alex, was diagnosed with hepatoblastoma, a rare type of liver cancer, when she was just 19 months old.

After undergoing gruelling chemotherapy sessions at Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool, the youngster was given a liver transplant in August 2014 and looked to be on the way to a full recovery as she started pre-school in January this year.

However in April she became unwell again and was diagnosed with leukaemia.

This saw her undergo major surgery once more when she had a life-saving bone marrow transplant at the end of July, which hopefully will have cured her leukaemia.

Now, the families of brother Alex's classmates are hoping to raise at least £10,000 to help the family with costs incurred during Ava's hospital stays.

They also hope to pay for treats for Ava during her stay in isolation following the transplant, make donations to Alder Hey and create a fund in case she needs further treatment in the future.

Alex's classmates at St Michael's Primary School in Aughton include Layla Bell and Callum Jones whose families can empathise with the Stokes as they also have children who have been affected by serious conditions.

Layla Bell's five-year-old brother Daniel is battling a brain tumour and the inspirational Bell family have featured in the Champion before, as for the last two years they have collected used Christmas trees in January, raising thousands of pounds for equipment including i-Pads for patients and beds for parents at Alder Hey.

Inspirational

Callum Jones' nine-year-old brother Ben suffers from Phelan McDermid syndrome, a genetic condition which causes severe learning difficulties. Although he can't speak, his family have found other ways to communicate and he loves completing marathons with his dad Gary in a custom-made buggy.

Together, they have raised more than £13,000 for the Phelan McDermid Trust and the Kingsbury School in Skelmersdale, which Ben attends.

Gary and Ben also completed the Wirral 10km run on Sunday (September 11) to raise funds for Ava's appeal and plan to follow this by taking part in the Warrington Half-Marathon this Sunday (September 18).

Little Ava Stokes who is facing a second battle with cancer at just four years old

Meanwhile, Rosalind Bell, Gary Jones and Emma Dewar, a close family friend of the Stokes, have created a page for Ava on the online donation site, Go Fund Me.

Rosalind told the Champion: "Even though she's so young, the way Ava deals with each round of treatment is inspirational. She is always full of energy, singing and laughing her way through most days. She is our hero!

"Since her first diagnosis, her courage and spirit have inspired a great deal of fundraising, led largely by Heaney Watson solicitors, where Ava's mum works. Around £25,000 has been donated to Alder Hey and other charities in Ava's name.

"Now we want to raise funds for Ava and her family as they've always put others first."

To donate to the appeal, visit gofundme.com and search for Ava Stokes.

Gary Jones with sons Ben and Callum and fellow fundraiser June at the Wirral 10k race

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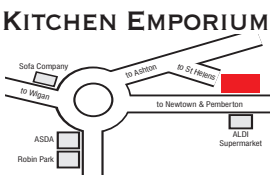

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Chance for public to question health commissioners at annual meeting

Report by **Henry James**

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MEMBERS of the public are invited to the annual general meeting of the West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group to be held on Tuesday, September 27 at the Evermoor Community Hub in Skelmersdale.

The meeting offers a chance to learn more about the local NHS and ask questions directly to the management team in a panel-style question-and-answer session.

Dr John Caine, chair of NHS West Lancashire CCG and local GP, said: "Our annual meeting is a great opportunity for our residents to learn more about the highlights and challenges their local NHS has faced from the year gone by and to look at the exciting plans for the year ahead.

"The AGM also provides an opportunity for residents who attend to have any questions and queries that they may have answered by our governing body, which consists of clinicians and senior managers within the CCG."

Once again, this year's AGM is being run in partnership with the West Lancs CVS as part of the regular Health Network events, which includes market stalls from a number of local community and voluntary sector organisations.

Greg Mitten, chief officer of West Lancs CVS, said: "We're delighted to be working with West Lancashire CCG with their annual meeting.

"We're particularly looking forward to using this event as an opportunity to showcase some of the fantastic community and voluntary groups that are doing some incredible work for the people of West Lancashire."

Refreshments will be provided on the day and places must booked in advance by email to vicky@wlcvs.org or by calling Vicky Atwood on 01695 733 737 advising of any special dietary, sensory and venue accessibility needs.

The CCG will take questions on the day for the panel-style question-and-answer session but any residents who prefer to submit their question in advance can do so by emailing myview@westlancashireccg.nhs.uk.

A meeting the of CCG governing body will take place at the same venue earlier in the day at 9.30am

Members of the local community are welcome to attend to observe the board meeting and questions relating to items on the agenda, which will be published a week prior to the meeting on the CCG website, can also be raised by ringing 01695 588 144 by noon on Monday, September 26.

There will also be an opportunity for those attending to have an informal discussion with board members afterwards.

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Boundary Commission proposals would see constituency extended

THE West Lancashire parliamentary constituency would be extended to include two additional wards as a result of proposals announced by the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) this week.

Under the proposed shake-up aimed to reduce the total of number of MPs from 650 to 600, West Lancs would take in the extra wards - Rufford and Eccleston & Mawdesley - from neighbouring South Ribble.

After the decision was taken by Parliament to reduce the number of constituencies, the Boundary Commission was tasked with evening out the number of electors in each by making independent recommendations about where the boundaries of English constituencies should be.

The BCE must report back to Parliament in 2018 and, if agreed, the new constituencies would be in place in time for the next scheduled General Election in 2020.

Following the announcement West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper said: "For the constituency to meet the required electorate population target the Boundary Commission have proposed bringing in two wards from the existing South Ribble seat.

Public events

"In this latest boundary review proposal there has been considerable change across the county in order to reduce the number of MPs in Lancashire by two at the next General Election.

"In October the Boundary Commission will be holding five public hearing events across the North West to give people their say on these proposals.

"What won't change under this boundary review is my commitment to continue fighting hard in the best interests of West Lancashire residents.

"My priority remains being focussed on the priorities of West Lancashire residents."

Sam Hartley, secretary to the Boundary Commission, commented: "These are just the commission's initial thoughts.

"During the next 12 weeks we want people to take a look and tell us what they like and don't like about our proposals."

Volunteer Ray's set for a royal appointment

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A CHARITY volunteer from West Lancashire is all set for a royal appointment after being awarded the British Empire Medal.

Dad-of-two Ray Jones from Cygnet Close in Aughton, was nominated for the BEM in recognition of his efforts on behalf of disadvantaged children for nearly 40 years.

He will travel to Lancaster Castle on Friday, September 23 to pick up the award at a special presentation.

"I am taking my family, including my 91-year old dad, to the presentation. It's a very special award and I feel very privileged.

"And I can't wait to take my family to the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace next year!"

The BEM is awarded to people who have provided a 'hands-on' service to the local community, including long-term charity or voluntary work, or innovative projects that have made a difference. And 58-year-old Ray was put forward for the prestigious award in the Queen's 90th Birthday Honours List earlier this year for his voluntary work with the Merseyside Children's Holiday Fund for the last 38 years.

The charity, which was set up by his friends Roy and Liz Wynne from Aughton in 1967, will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year. Each year it takes more than 60 children aged between four and 10 from disadvantaged families across Merseyside on holiday to Colomendy holiday camp near Mold in Wales.

The volunteers need to raise £15,000 every year to fund the all-activity holidays, which include an all-day walk, a day out on a boat and trips to the cinema, beach, a children's activity park and a shopping centre.

Ray said: "I was introduced to the charity by my wife June, who also still volunteers, when I was 20 and I have always loved being a part of it. It's so inspiring.

"It's also very tiring as you don't know the kids before the holiday but it's amazing being able to see the looks of happiness on their faces. Most of them haven't experienced anything like it before.

Ray Jones awarded the BEM for his voluntary work.

"We split the kids into three groups, infants, junior boys and junior girls and do a mix of activities separately and together.

"I was shocked and overjoyed to be nominated for the British Empire Medal. The charity is run entirely by volunteers in their spare time but who also work at paid jobs and it couldn't function without them.

"Our children and the Wynnes' children will be taking over the charity when we are too old to run it any more!

"I left work recently to help look after my daughter but before that I worked for HM Revenue and Customs for 39 years and a work colleague nominated me for the BEM.

"To be nominated in the year of the Queen's 90th birthday is something really special – as I worked for the HMRC, you could say that she was my 'boss' for almost 40 years!

"It's also very special to be given the award the year before the charity turns 50 and we will be holding a special celebration for that next year!

"I would also like to say a big thank-you to the local businesses and organisations who financially support us, including the Rotary Club of Liverpool and Bargain Booze, as well as the Welsh businesses who give us discounts."

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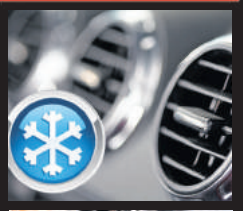

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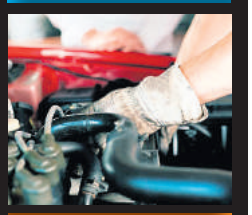

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Library and children's centre closures confirmed

Report by **Henry James**

THE death knell has sounded for Up Holland, Burscough and Parbold libraries, which will now be closed by the end of November after Lancashire County Council's cabinet agreed the proposals on Thursday, September 8.

The changes are in response to forecasts that the county council will need to save a further £150m by 2020/21 as a result of ongoing government cuts to its budget and rising demand for services.

The authority council said that feedback received during a 12-week consultation held from May 18 to August 14 helped to shape a revised set of proposals.

In West Lancashire, the proposals have been revised to provide services for younger children at St John's Children's Centre, Birch Green Road, Skelmersdale, instead of at Up Holland Children's Centre. This is subject to further local consultation.

The Hesketh with Becconsall Children's Centre and the Moorgate Children's Centre in Ormskirk will also close, along with the children's social care facility at Fairlie, Skelmersdale and Ormskirk's Derby Street day centre for older people.

County council bosses want to set up Neighbourhood Centres, which they say will provide a base for a range of different services in one place.

Meanwhile more than 100 buildings will no longer be used for county council services and the number of places at which some services are available will reduce.

The cabinet also agreed to explore proposals by a number of community groups and other organisations to take on responsibility for running some of the affected buildings and services, with 43 business cases having been submitted so far.

County Councillor David Borrow, deputy leader of the Labour-run county council and portfolio holder for finance, said: "We don't want to be in a position where we have to make changes to services which we know people value a great deal, and these proposals have been very difficult for councillors to consider.

Up Holland library is set to close in November

"However the county council is in a very severe financial position due to the ongoing cuts in central government funding combined with rising demand for our services, and the only way we can maintain the services that people rely on is to deliver them in a different way. Even assuming council tax increases of 3.99% over the next four years, we will still need to find savings of around £150m.

"A lot of work has taken place to consider where services should be located so that people can access them, with a particular emphasis on ensuring the council continues to fulfil its duty to support those communities where there is the greatest need.

"The nearly 8,000 responses we received to the consultation have helped to shape these plans, and a number of changes have been made as a result of the feedback we received about how people access services."

The cabinet has also agreed plans to explore alternative options for the future delivery of library services, with a focus on examining whether community-run libraries could add to the statutory service provided by the county council.

A package of help is proposed to help establish any community-run library, including £5,000 to cover set-up costs, shelving and an initial supply of books from the county's store.

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Ombudsman's review gives borough council a clean bill of health

THERE were just 15 complaints made about West Lancs Council to the Local Government Ombudsman last year, none of which were upheld.

The statistics for the borough council and Lancashire County Council were issued as part of the Local Government Ombudsman's annual review which includes complaints figures for every local authority in the North West region.

Released as part of a drive to increase transparency in local government, it shows that for England as a whole, the LGO upheld 51% of detailed investigations in 2015/16 – up from 46% the previous year.

There were 15 complaints and enquiries received for 2015-16 for West Lancs Council.

These were made up of two complaints about benefits and tax, one for corporate and other services, four for environmental services, public protection and regulation, two for housing, five for planning and development and one for other.

The statistics for Lancashire County Council indicate that there were 159 complaints and enquiries received for 2015-16.

Report by **Henry James**

These comprised 68 for the adult social care department, five for the corporate and other services, 68 for education and children's services, three for environmental services, public protection and regulation, 14 for highways and transport and one for planning and development.

The LGO received a total of 19,702 complaints and enquiries about local authorities for the year ending March 31, a similar level to the previous year.

The Ombudsman also looks at complaints about independent social care providers.

Angela Esslinger, complaints manager for Lancashire County Council, said: "We have a dedicated team to handle customer feedback, and try as best we can to resolve and improve services as a direct result of complaints.

"However we also have a good working relationship with the Local Government Ombudsman, which is often the next step for complaints which we haven't been able to resolve.

"As the UK's fourth largest local authority, Lancashire is always likely to feature towards the top of national tables such as this in terms of the number of complaints received, and the report shows that the proportion of complaints upheld by the Ombudsman is in line with other councils."

A spokesman for West Lancs Council commented: "During 2015/16 the Local Government Ombudsman (LGO) received 15 enquiries and complaints about West Lancashire Borough Council, but none of these were upheld by the Ombudsman.

"Of the 15 enquiries and complaints received, the LGO referred six matters to the council for local resolution (because the council had not had an opportunity to properly consider the enquiry or complaint), two were closed after initial enquiries, two were incomplete/invalid and in one matter the complainant was given advice by the LGO about why the LGO would not consider the complaint.

"Only four complaints were the subject of LGO investigation and in each case the council were held not to be at fault and accordingly the complaints were not upheld."

Irene's birthday gift to children's hospice

Irene presents the cheque to John McCormack watched by Pauline Lunt from the care home and her daughter Sheila

A BIG-HEARTED centenarian ensured her special milestone was a day to remember for others too by raising £700 for charity.

Grandmother Irene Isaac, a resident at Springfield Court in Aughton, celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends at the nursing home but instead of bringing her gifts she asked them to make donations to Zoe's Place children's hospice.

The Liverpool-based hospice provides palliative, respite and end-of-life care for babies and infants up to five years old.

Irene has supported the charity since it was set up and for more than 20 year has knitted baby clothes to be donated to the hospice. And although she didn't get any presents, music lover Irene did receive one special surprise when Radio Merseyside's Billy Butler, who presents her favourite show, turned up at the party with a bouquet of flowers for her.

All donations by friends and family were collected this month and Irene and her daughter Sheila presented a cheque to John McCormack from the charity.

Musical fundraisers hit the right note

BUDDING young musicians have raised £1,500 for charity by holding their annual concert, raffle and auction event.

Young performers from the Sound Affects Music Studios based in Ormskirk performed at the studio's sixth annual Summer Concert last month in front of friends and family members, raising funds for both Alder Hey Children's Hopaital in Liverpool and the national charity Sarcoma UK, which provides support and information for patients and families of those with soft tissue cancers including muscles, nerves, fat andblood vessels.

The concert at the Stanley Club in Burscough, allowed students to showcase what they have been working on over the past few months.

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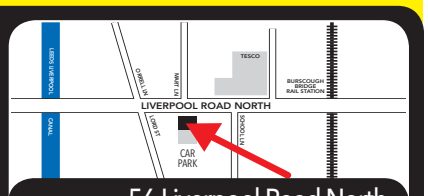

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Suspended deputy director cleared by NHS investigators to return to work

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

SOUTHPORT & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust has reinstated one of the four health chiefs suspended from their posts last year.

The trust's deputy director of performance, Richard McCarthy, will return to work cleared of any wrongdoing.

The much-publicised suspension of chief executive Jonathan Parry, chief operating officer Sheilah Finnegan, HR director Sharon Partington and deputy director of performance Richard McCarthy began in August 2015 following three separate whistleblowing allegations into their conduct.

Now, following the recent conclusion of the independent inquiry, the trust has confirmed that Mr McCarthy, has been cleared of all allegations and his exclusion has been lifted.

Human resources director, Sharon Partington, has already resigned from her position, while Sheilah Finnegan retired in July.

But despite no longer being employed by the trust, their cases will still be going to the next stage of the disciplinary process in accordance with trust HR policies.

Ormskirk Hospital

Chief executive Jonathan Parry is the third and final staff member left with 'a case to answer.'

However, in announcing that Mr McCarthy has been cleared, the trust remained silent on Mr Parry's position.

The hospital trust has faced heavy criticism for the length of time it has taken investigators to look into the accusations against the four suspended staff and the cost to the NHS.

Meanwhile, Therese Patten, associate director of strategic development and partnership at Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust in Liverpool, will join the trust as chief operating officer next month.

She previously held senior positions at 5 Boroughs Partnership NHS Foundation Trust based in Warrington.

Iain McInnes, interim chief executive, said: "Therese has extensive regional, national and international experience as a senior manager in healthcare.

"She will be a major asset to the trust and we look forward to welcoming her."

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Company boss tackles Brussels-to-London challenge to raise £70,000 for charities

THE boss of the West Lancs branch of a national packaging, recycling, paper and plastics company was one of a four-man team who cycled, kayaked and ran from Brussels to London to raise a staggering £70,000 for charity.

The four senior managers from DS Smith Packaging Ltd., including 46-year-old David Richardson who is based at the company's site in Red Cat Lane, Burscough, took part in the week-long, 270-mile challenge to raise funds for Heart Research and Cancer Research.

David, Gareth Jenkins, Simon Owens and Mark Dewhurst began at their European head office in Belgium, cycling 170 miles from Roeselare to Calais, kayaking 19 miles across the English Channel, and finishing with a 100-mile run from Rye in East Sussex to their UK head office in London.

However, due to severe weather conditions, the team was forced to cut their Channel crossing short after only nine miles and they completed the remaining distance on a rowing machine.

This latest charity challenge follows on from a successful Scotland to Cornwall cycle ride in 2013 which saw staff from the business raise £100,000 for the same two charities.

David Richardson (2nd left) with colleagues Gareth Jenkins, Simon Owens and Mark Dewhurst during the challenge

Meanwhile more than 600 employees from the company's 30 national sites participated in their own 'step-a-thon' challenge, taking around 54 million steps, the equivalent to more than 25,000 miles, during the course of the seven-day event.

Dad-of-one David, said: "This was one of the toughest challenges I have taken on to date. It took me completely out of my comfort zone, particularly kayaking against the immense sea swell of the English Channel and dealing with continuous blisters during the run.

"But I'm so glad to have been given the opportunity and, on reflection, feel really proud of the enormity of what we have achieved and the subsequent impact the money raised will have.

"I can't wait to take part in the next challenge - my only concern is that they seem to be getting more extreme as they develop and I'm not quite sure I'm ready to climb Everest just yet!

"All in all, it was a fantastic experience, undertaken with some great friends in aid of worthy causes."

Pensioner airlifted to hospital after town-centre collision

AN elderly man had to be airlifted to hospital after a crash involving four vehicles in Ormskirk on Saturday, September 10.

A navy-coloured Skoda Fabia driven by the pensioner was in collision with three other vehicles, including a yellow Proton Satria, shortly after 10am at the busy County Road junction in the town centre.

The Skoda driver was airlifted to the Royal Preston Hospital with chest injuries by the North West Air Ambulance, and firefighters from the West Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service had to cut two occupants free from the Proton, which ended up hitting a house on Halsall Lane. Both suffered minor injuries.

Officers attended from Lancashire Constabulary, who closed the road for five hours.

An investigation into the incident is ongoing and any witnesses are asked to contact the police by ringing 101.

Oddfellows' Friendship Month get-together

THE Oddfellows Ormskirk and Southport District branch are holding a wine and cheese evening tomorrow (Thursday, September 15) as part of their annual 'Friendship Month' held each September.

This will be held at C'espresso on Lord Street, Southport from 6 to 8.30pm. Organiser, Judith Catton, said: "Our Friendship Month campaign is in its seventh year and it's our way of reminding people just how important it is to have the support of friends. Friendships often start as a result of sharing a fun experience or by learning something together."

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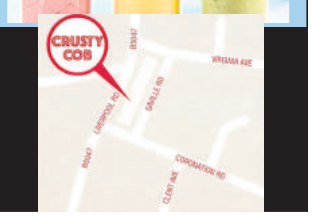

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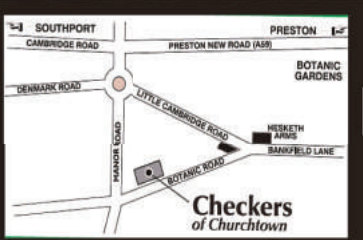

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Police investigation launched after man is shot in village

AN investigation has been launched after a man was shot in Mere Brow on Wednesday, September 7.

The 42-year-old victim was taken to Southport Hospital after being shot outside a property on Mere Brow Lane shortly before 9pm. His injuries are not believed to be life-threatening.

Superintendent Karen Edwards from Lancashire Constabulary said: "We would like to reassure residents that this is an isolated incident and we do not believe there to be any wider threat to the public. Enquiries are ongoing to establish the circumstances surrounding the incident, and patrols will be in the area providing reassurance to the local community."

Anyone with information can call the police on 101.

● Four people have since been arrested in connection with the incident.

Two men aged 26 and 27 from Southport were arrested on Monday (September 12) and a 29-year-old man from Southport was arrested on Sunday, (September 11) at an address in Birkdale. The three are being questioned on suspicion of attempted murder and remain in police custody.

A fourth arrest was made after a warrant was executed at an address on Kensington Road, Southport and a 41-year-old woman, also from Southport, was detained on suspicion of possession of a firearm.

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Appeal for witnesses to fatal moped crash

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to a fatal accident in which a moped rider died after crashing into a ditch in Scarisbrick.

Phillip Parr, 47, from Wigan, was travelling along Dam Wood Lane in the direction of Burscough when his Piaggio Vespa mounted a grass verge near Drummersdale Lane and plunged into a large ditch at around 9.45pm on Wednesday, September 7.

He suffered multiple injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Following the accident the road was closed for three-and-a-half hours and Lancashire Constabulary have launched an investigation and are appealing for witnesses.

Sergeant Finn Quainton of the force's road policing unit said: "This is a tragic incident where a man has sadly lost his life and our thoughts are with his loved ones at this time.

47-year-old rider killed after plunging into ditch

"An investigation into how this collision occurred is underway and we are appealing to anyone who may have witnessed what happened to come forward.

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Council calls on borough residents to play their part in Silver Sunday

Grants available to provide fun events for older people

WEST Lancs Council is calling on residents of the borough to play their part in an annual event celebrating older people.

Silver Sunday, which this year takes place on October 2, is a day of free fun and activities for older people across the UK.

Led by the Sir Simon Milton Foundation, it celebrates the value and knowledge that older people bring to our communities.

And the event also aims to tackle the loneliness and isolation felt by many older people by providing social activities to enable them to get out, try new things and meet new people.

Councillor Terry Aldridge, borough council cabinet member with portfolio for older people and Lancashire County Council's older people's champion, is offering grants to organisations and individuals to arrange activities on this special day. Events that have been organised in the past include tea dances, ballet classes and world record attempts.

Cllr. Aldridge said: "I want to support older people in West Lancs and ensure that their voices are heard and their needs are met.

"Silver Sunday is a great event to promote opportunities for older people and I urge the community to get involved. I would encourage people to attend any events in their area, or consider organising their own event to make older people feel welcome in their community."

To apply for a grant contact Cllr. Aldridge by email at terry.aldridge@lancashire.gov.uk or by letter c/o Democratic Services, County Hall, Preston, PR1 8XJ.

Councillor Terry Aldridge

Further information about the county council's champion's fund can be obtained from Janet Nuttall on 01772 533110.

For more information on Silver Sunday, and to get ideas for the day, visit http://silversunday.org.uk; or contact Age UK Lancashire's Ormskirk office on 0300 303 1234.

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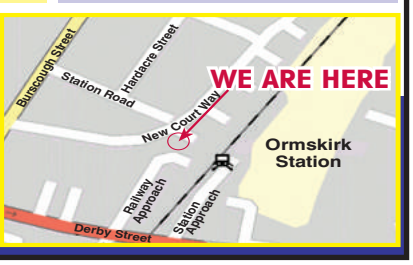

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Safety partnership on hand to offer advice and support for new Edge Hill intake

THE West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership (WLCSP) is offering advice to help students have a safe and enjoyable time whilst studying and socialising at Edge Hill University in Ormskirk.

The partnership, which includes the university, has an excellent track record of delivering a large programme of activities to integrate students safely into the community.

The annual partnership Fresher's Week programme will start in earnest when students arrive on Sunday, September 18.

WLCSP members view this period as an ideal opportunity to provide key safety and welfare messages to the students and its work has previously been received well by local residents.

Many aspects of this programme will extend beyond the initial Freshers' Week when returning students will be given the important messages.

Edge Hill University will distribute halls of residence & student handbooks to all students, containing information on safety, security and behaviour. University staff will ensure students are inducted into their responsibilities as citizens in our local community.

During Freshers' Week, partnership members will be in and around Edge Hill's campus on St Helens Road to offer help and advice to new students and provide assurance for the wider community.

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service will give fire safety talks to first year students, carry out fire safety checks on student accommodation across the borough. They will also deliver a crashed car demonstration to the Freshers' Fayre and provide road safety information.

In addition to regular Saturday night patrols, Ormskirk Street Pastors will have volunteers on extra town centre patrols between 10.30pm and 2.30am on Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24 September and the following Friday and Saturday.

The council's environmental enforcement team will also be undertaking daily patrols of Ormskirk for the three-week period visiting all known student properties to provide advice in relation to waste, recycling and noise.

Fay Sherrington, Edge Hill's director of student services, said: "Edge Hill is proud to continue its support for the Community Safety Partnership initiative. The safety of our students and members of the Ormskirk community is of paramount importance to us and we work closely with the CSP to ensure that we continue to support a safe, secure and welcoming community environment.

"We're continually communicating crime safety messages to students and also encourage them to respect the needs of the local community."

Fay Sherrington

...and local police will be out and about to welcome freshers

POLICE officers will be giving advice to first-time university students at a welcome event at Edge Hill University ahead of the start of the next academic year.

For many students it is their first time away from home and they will now be faced with not only getting to grips with lectures and making friends, but also the added responsibility of looking after both themselves and their property – away from the watchful eyes of parents.

Local neighbourhood officers will be attending the Welcome Fair event alongside other organisations and representatives from the university's many clubs from 11am to 3pm on Wednesday, September 21 at Edge Hill's main hub.

Officers will also be out and about in the area offering crime prevention advice and chatting to the students.

Local officer for the area covering Edge Hill, PC Paul Austin said: "It's really important to us to have a good relationship with the university and particularly with the students themselves so they know where to come if they need advice or assistance from us.

"We know it's a really exciting time, especially for those who haven't lived away from home before, so our neighbourhood teams are working closely with the university to help students keep themselves safe.

"Alongside this, you students see us in and around the town centre on patrol along the main walking routes from the university to Ormskirk town centre and this will include Ruff Lane, St Helens Road and the other main walking routes in.

"The purpose of us doing this is for safety and to try to discourage any anti-social behaviour. We all want to get along with our neighbours, so it's really important that students keep in mind that there are people living around them who might not be students and whose partying days might be behind them!"

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Last year no fewer than 95% of parents applied online for primary and secondary school places.

Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "The number of people who chose to apply online last year was really high. It really is a quick, easy and secure way to apply for school places.

"I would encourage parents to go online as soon as possible to familiarise themselves with the process and take a look at the admissions criteria of the schools they're considering.

"Unfortunately some applications come in late every year and these simply can't be considered at the same time as those we receive on time.

"So it is much better to be prepared early, rather than rushing your application close to the deadline.

"This way there is time to spare to sort out any problems or get any advice.

"It is important to remember as well that having a child already at a school does not automatically mean that a brother or sister will be allocated a place – you must still apply."

Applications opened on September 1 and the closing dates are October 31 for secondary schools, and January 15 next year for primary schools.

Children start primary school in the September after their fourth birthday.

For more information go to www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools or ring 01772 532191 or 01772 532190.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson

Recruits wanted for next Prince's Trust team

YOUNG people aged 16 to 25 are being invited to sign up to the Ormskirk Prince's Trust team programme.

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The free course is appropriate for a range of people and additional support is offered to those who need it. Taking part in the programme will not affect Jobseekers' benefits.

The team will be based at The Civic, formerly, Ormskirk Civic Hall, on Southport Road.

Anyone interested in taking part can contact the team leader Jonathan Marlow on 07870 168529 or email jonathon.marlow@westlancs.ac.uk.

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Sky-high salaries are reason why the NHS is in trouble

I TOTALLY agree with MP Rosie Cooper about the 'part-time' job of Dr Caine and his £109,000 salary.

This is why the NHS is in trouble. Like the bankers, all the money stays at the top. Nurses and all other staff do a lot more for a lot less money.

It's only a couple of weeks ago I read of a local consultant who earned £375,000 in overtime. That's more than £1,000 a day on top of his salary!

I don't suppose all the other consultants earn that sort of money but would be interested to see the overtime bill for our local hospitals.

I have a close family friend who is a registered carer and when he sleeps over in vulnerable peoples' houses he is paid the princely of £50 for 10 hours - £5 an hour.

I am 85 years old and remember having to pay doctors ourselves before the NHS started and from my experience doctors didn't earn anything like the salaries they do now.

I would like the people who pay this £1,000 a day overtime to be named and asked to explain the system they use. This chap must never ever go home to earn this kind of money.

My wife and I are both 85 this year and if it wasn't for the help and advice we get from West Lancs Council we would be eating grass!

PS any vacancies anywhere at the top of the NHS? No? I thought not.

Mr G. Long, Skelmersdale

Public expect health service to be run for the benefit of patients - not a favoured few

ROSIE Cooper is to be applauded for asking questions about Dr John Caine's salary and duties as chairman of West Lancs CCG but more positive would be to ask has the CCG achieved anything since its formation?

To quote a good mark received from inspectors is evidence of existence and the 'dead hand' of the public sector is apparent.

When the NHS is struggling to balance its books, junior doctors are agitating like never before and the Southport and Ormskirk hospital 'whistle-blowing' scandal drags on, paying £100k for Doctor John to chair meetings is obscene. They are not running British Petroleum but may have delusions they are.

The public expect the health service to be run for the benefit of the patients, not as a gravy train for the favoured few.

Graham Walker, Up Holland

'Important matters overlooked' in reply

IN his response to questions from a reader regarding his remuneration for the year 2015/16, Dr Caine, chair of the West Lancs CCG, overlooks one or two important matters.

He states that his salary is £109,000, but omits to mention that in addition he receives a contribution to his pension of between £27,500 and £30,000.

He also receives a sum of around £3,000 in respect of taxable benefits, an indication that total remuneration is around the £140,000 quoted by your reader, but rejected by Dr Caine.

The figures I quote are taken from page 56 of the Annual Report & Accounts 2015/16 of the West Lancs CCG and can be read on-line.

Furthermore, it should not be forgotten that Dr Caine attends his GP practice on Mondays and Fridays. It would be interesting to know how many hours work he undertakes for the CCG to earn his circa £140,000.

And, of course, in addition to the above there is remuneration for his GP practice duties.

Just Curious, name and address supplied

PICTURE of the week

The unmistakable outline of a Second World War Lancaster bomber - part of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight - as it passed over the pier during last weekend's Southport Airshow.
Picture by Martyn Snape.

Setting the record straight on students and council tax

RECENT correspondents do not seem to be aware that council tax is not paid by the landlord of rented property but by the occupier – and full-time students are exempt.

It is surely unfair that students who own a property should be exempt while those who rent should pay, in that the extra cost paid by the landlord for them as opposed to other tenants would inevitably be added to their rent?

There is an argument that with our shortage of housing there should be strong inducements for full-time students to study within reach of the family home if they have one, but that is a different matter.

David Gelder, Parbold

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Councillor Owens wasn't the only one on 'flood duty'!

I READ with interest Carole Davies' letter (Champion, September 7) in which she complimented Councillor Adrian Owens for the work he does in Derby ward. As a ward colleague and former party colleague of Adrian, I cannot disagree with these sentiments.

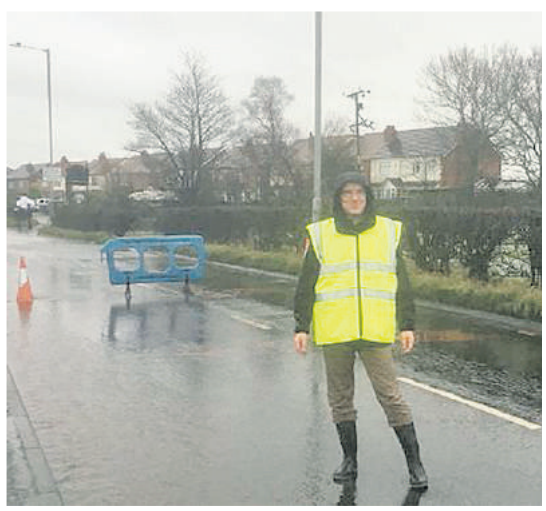
However, I must take issue with one comment by Ms Davies. She correctly stated that Westhead village was flooded on Boxing Day, but then goes on to incorrectly state that 'the only councillor who came to help and support us was Adrian Owens'.

This is simply not true, as I was out for several hours on Boxing Day, helping to divert traffic away from the flooded centre of my village.

Laughing at how silly I looked in a bright fluorescent top which a neighbour kindly lent me, my wife took the attached photograph.

By all means Ms Davies, compliment those who you admire, but please check your facts the next time you choose to criticise others.

Councillor Paul V. Greenall, Conservative member for Derby ward, West Lancs Borough Council



Councillor Greenall on Boxing Day 'flood duty'

Village gutters are still a disgrace

I HAVE complained before in the Champion about the condition of the roads and pavement edges in Aughton but it seems to have fallen on deaf ears as the rubbish in the gutters seems to have got worse.

The problem can be seen in Prescot Road, Town Green, Winifred Lane and, above all, Granville Park - and it's disgusting.

Does Aughton Parish Council not take pride in their village? Come on, make an effort please!

George Whittaker, Aughton

Cheery binmen's excellent service

I WOULD like to say a big thank-you to all of those cheery chaps who empty my dustbins on a weekly basis in all weathers.

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Carers' 10k walk for Alzheimer's charity

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Seven members of staff from Willow Lodge Nursing Home in Ormskirk, the manager of its sister home, Silver Birch Lodge Nursing Home in Aughton and the Willow Lodge manager's children all took part in the Alzheimer's 10k Memory Walk at Croxteth Park in Liverpool.

Willow Lodge manager, Stephanie Molden and her children Holly, eight and Jacob, five, staff members Sharon Preston, Gillian Parr, Mike Wallace, Lynne Hughes, Stephanie Shaw and Layla Bennett and Silver Birch manager Joan Parr managed to raise £380 for the Alzheimer's charity.

The charity holds annual Memory Walks all over the country to raise funds for research and provide support to sufferers of the condition and their families.

Sharon Preston,Holly Molden, Mike Wallace, Stephanie Shaw, Layla Bennett, Lynne Hughes and Joan Parr on the memory walk in Croxteth Park

Stephanie Shaw said: "As many of the residents that we care for suffer from Alzheimer's, it is a charity which is very close to all of our hearts.

"We have done the walk before, the location changes in the North West each year, and last time we raised around £150 - so we did really well this time.

"We raised much-needed funds for a great cause and I want to thank everybody for the kind donations that we received."

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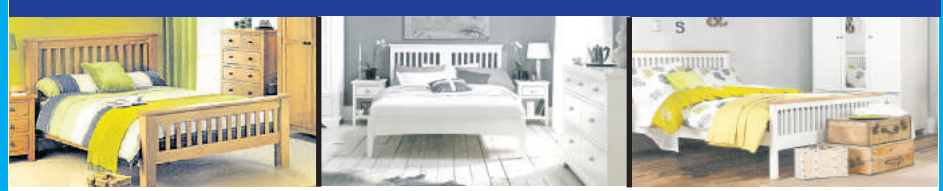

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The 19 members of staff will take on the challenge on Sunday, September 25 to raise funds for the Royal and Broadgreen hospitals in Liverpool where Champ sales rep Steve Gainford received treatment.

Steve, 54, who is currently recovering from prostate cancer, will himself take part in the run, which he hopes will raise £1,500 for the R-Charity.

R-Charity is currently raising £10 million for the New Royal Liverpool Hospital to deliver world-class technologies and cutting-edge research.

Steve said: "I found out five years ago that I had prostate cancer.

"I had an operation in March and when I went back for my results they said they were 75% certain they had it all but because the tumour had broken through the prostate wall they can't say more than that.

"It's not possible to sum up how happy and humbled I feel that the team at the Champ, *(pictured above with Steve)* have come together to do this run and get as much money as possible for the R-Charity."

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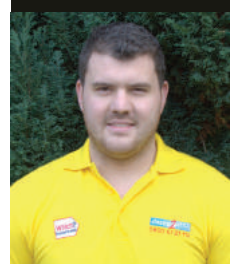

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The two-course dinner and entertainment evening held at the Stocks Tavern in Parbold raised £1,690 for Everton in the Community, which aims to motivate people from all sections of the community to achieve their full potential, creating healthier communities and engaging children and adults, regardless of ability, in physical activity.

Former England centre-forward and FA Cup-winning manager, Joe Royle, 1966 FA Cup goal-scoring hero Derek Temple and European Cup Winners' Cup winner Pat Van Den Hauwe were among the former Blues stars on hand to meet guests and answer questions, with entertainment provided by comedian and impressionist Mark Langley.

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What attracts me to the Broads is the 'silent' sound of nature

HERE I am, back from the sea – well, the rivers of Norfolk and Suffolk anyway - and I feel refreshed and reinvigorated as I always do.

Nothing can really spoil the peace and tranquility I find there – although one man did his best before another balanced this out by restoring my battered faith in human nature.

The ignorant chappy who came close to spoiling one day simply refused my polite request for him to move his cruiser just a yard or two either way so I could insert *Manxman* into a mooring. His reply, while lounging his well-fed body in the cockpit of his boat, was: "No. I was here first!"

It took me aback as invariably boaters are more than happy to help a fellow mariner. A helpful River Ranger told me that although he broke no law, he was guilty of infringing the spirit of co-operation that is general on the Broads.

Then, quite late on in my cruise, my boat received a sudden whack on the aft quarter. Glancing round I saw a little day boat bobbing in my wake but by the time I had moored *Manxman* there was no sign of it. I assumed he had fled the scene.

However, whilst surveying the damage (quite a deep scar about a foot long) and muttering darkly about the incompetence of folk allowed out in a lethal weapon for the day, a young man appeared, apologising for causing the damage and offering to pay for the necessary repairs – an offer I could not afford to refuse!

Good of him – and in total contrast to the attitude of fatty (well, he was!) earlier in the holiday.

Indeed, as has been my experience over the years, one of the great joys of a holiday such as this is the friends, albeit usually transitory, you make just about wherever you go.

Just one example. While tied up in a quiet backwater just off the River Bure, I was chatting to a fellow wooden boat owner when we were approached by a charming woman from a hire cruiser asking how far away from the popular town of Wroxham we were.

We got into conversation and I told her that there was a boardwalk from the dike we were moored in through the fenland and waterway nearby.

Later she and her husband set off to explore this nature trail, but not before she had offered me and the bloke I was yarning with a mug of tea each, a kindness gratefully accepted.

It's the small things like that, things that don't occur on a trip to the shops at home, that really make this kind of holiday for me.

That, and the abundance of nature, the wide Suffolk horizons in the 'Southern' rivers the other side of Great Yarmouth and the chance to get away from it all.

I overheard a conversation between a woman and man at a fairly secluded mooring.

"Can you hear that?", she asked him. "Hear what?" he replied. "Nothing - that's the point. No traffic noise, no shouting. Silence – apart from the occasional bird," she said.

And that is the point.

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And if this sounds like a travelogue advert for the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads, I apologise.

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CCG move to allay fears over future locations for health services

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has moved to allay fears that services such as West Lancashire Health Centre and Skelmersdale Walk-In Centre are under the threat of being "homeless".

MP Rosie Cooper said the CCG had failed to confirm future sites for these services when a new private provider - at this stage unknown - will take over the running of some urgent care services in April 2017.

However, CCG bosses have pledged that these services will continue to be provided from their current locations.

At present West Lancashire Health Centre is run from the Ormskirk Hospital site, while Skelmersdale Walk-In Centre is based at the Concourse Shopping Centre in the town.

The Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust currently run both services but are set to lose the contract and the West Lancs MP said this raised questions about the future of West Lancashire Health Centre after April.

The NHS Walk-in Centre at Skelmersdale's Concourse shopping centre.

Ms Cooper said: "It is only a matter of months until the new provider for urgent care services is supposed to be taking over these vital local health services. At the moment we don't know who this will be or if they plan to continue using the current facilities or if they will be allowed to.

"If they do have to find new facilities, how long will this take and will they be as accessible for patients as the current sites?

"We are facing the prospect of homeless health services unless West Lancashire CCG start offering some assurances, answering questions and end the secrecy masked as commercial confidentiality."

In response, a sspokesperson for NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group, stated: "Services will continue to be provided from their current locations."

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Chance to explore our parks and countryside

THERE is a chance to learn more about some of the things growing in local park and countryside areas at a couple of events being organised by West Lancs Council's parks and countryside ranger service.

Local expert in fungi and foraging, David Winnard and a Ranger will lead a Fungal Foray around Hunters Hill on Saturday, September 17. They will search for species of fungi and plants on a walk around the area, hunting for some wild edibles as well as looking out for the things to avoid. People wanting to take part should meet in Hunters Hill Car park at 1.50pm for a 2pm start.

And another Fungal Foray event will be held at Coronation Park, Ormskirk, on Saturday, October 1, meeting at the bowling pavilion at 1.50pm for a 2pm start.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's cabinet member for leisure, said: "These fun events sound like a great way to find out more about how Mother Nature works in our local parks, so come along and join in the fun."

Anyone planning to attend should wear suitable footwear and clothing for the weather, ground conditions and activity. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Karate duo earn black belt status

TWO local martial arts exponents are celebrating after achieving black belt qualifications.

Michael Clayton-Brown, 23,and Chris Wynne, 32, who are both members of the Ormskirk Shotokan Karate Club, were successful in the 1st Dan grading examination at a Japan Karate Association international course in Edinburgh.

The pair had to perform the three disciplines of Shotokan Karate - kihon (basics), kata (formal exercise) and kumite (sparring) - to the satisfaction of three senior instructors from the JKA headquarters in Tokyo.

They were presented with their black belts by chief instructor John Errington at a training session at their base at Ormskirk School, Wigan Road.

Karate aces Michael Clayton-Brown and Chris Wynne who have received their black belts

John said: "Chris and Michael both started at Ormskirk Shotokan Karate Club as beginners and have made the considerable commitment required to achieve black belt standard."

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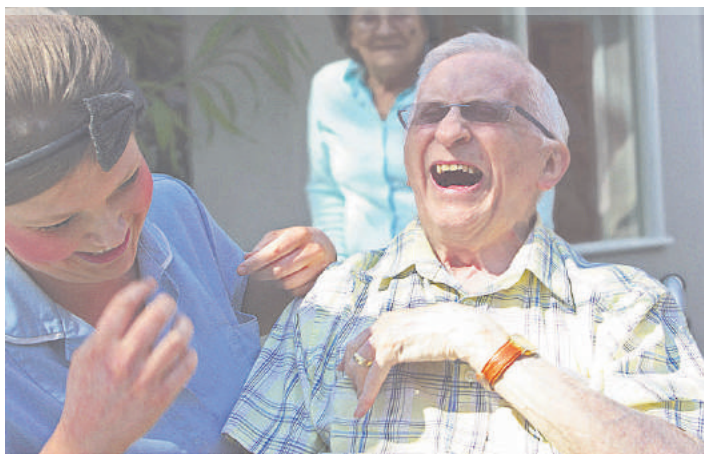

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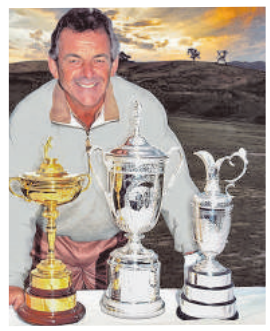

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County Council say changes will secure transport services for vulnerable adults

LANCASHIRE County Council say changes introduced at the start of this month will see the authority save £2m whilst securing transport services for vulnerable adults in the face of severe pressures on the authority's budget.

Council chiefs believe innovations in the way the 'in-house' fleet of specially-adapted Travelcare buses is run, along with adjustments to the operation of the county's day centres, will deliver the savings by doing more fewer buses.

The Travelcare buses take children with special educational needs and disabilities to school and disabled and older people to day centres. Until now those journeys have all been made at the same time, but by starting day centre services an hour later, a smaller fleet can be used to take children to school first then adults to day centres.

The changes were proposed after the council initially consulted on budget proposals in November last year to end free accessible transport for all adults attending day centres from September 2016.

It had been proposed to provide a signposting and support service to assist day centre users and their carers to access alternative transport, and pay operators directly.

However when the budget for 2016/17 went to full council in February this year it incorporated the revised plans to continue the service with the changes introduced this month.

County Councillor Tony Martin, Lancashire's cabinet member for adult and community services, said: "We've found an innovative solution which means that we can sustain this free transport service for some of Lancashire's most vulnerable people, while also making some of the significant savings which are needed as a result of ongoing cuts to our budget and rising demand for our services.

County Councillor Tony Martin

"We understand this means some changes for people who attend day centres but we've worked closely with them to minimise the impact as far as possible. It means people get picked up a bit later in the morning, but where they are attending county council day centres, they will stay later in the afternoon and therefore receive the same level of service.

"This solution will be far better for people who use day centres and their carers than ending the service altogether, and we'll contine to work over the coming weeks to optimise routes and timings to make sure the new arrangements work as well as possible."

The transport service provides home-to-school journeys for more than 3,000 children with special educational needs and disabilities, with almost half of those travelling on the council's own Travelcare buses. More than 1,000 disabled and older people also use the service to access day care and other community-based activities.

The council is reducing the fleet by around 50 vehicles, with about 65 fewer frontline staff needed to deliver the new service.

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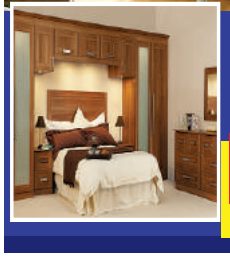

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Club official, Steve Kirton, said: "In all 14 members and eight cars - three MGBs, a RV8, three MGB-GTs and a MGF - turned out for this event.
"The showground was a spectacular sight with the backdrop of the castle in the distance.
"This is one of the largest one-day shows in the North West with more than 1,000 cars and motorcycles on display, plus a good selection of traders selling parts and auto jumble."

Members of West Lancs MG Owners Club at the Cholmondeley Classic Car Show

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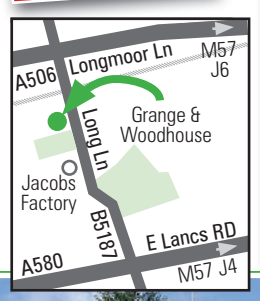

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WEST Lancashire residents are being urged to make a will after new figures revealed that half of Britons have not made one – meaning their wishes won't be taken into account when they die.

The statistics have been compiled as part of a poll by national charitable initiative Will Aid to tie in with the launch of the organisation's 2016 publicity drive, My Last Words.

According to the poll, while young people are the least likely to have made a will, almost a fifth of people aged 55-plus haven't done so either. It also discovered that 35% of people with no will have dependent children but and haven't assigned guardians for them.

Will Aid Month, which takes place every November, encourages people to complete this vital piece of paperwork and tick it off the to-do list, as well as offering them a chance to raise much-needed funds for charity.

Will Aid teams up with law firms who pledge their time to write basic wills, with clients invited to donate the fee to nine charities supported by Will Aid instead.

One of the most unusual wills ever made was by self-made millionaire Keith Owen who donated his £2.3m fortune to his favourite holiday spot, Sidmouth in Devon, when he died aged 69, specifying that it must be spent on a million flowering bulbs!

William Shakespeare famously left his wife only his 'second best bed' with the rest of his estate going to his daughter, Susanna; while Kenneth Gibson from Lincolnshire requested in 1999 that his stepdaughter should inherit the cost of 'half a pound of pork sausages' she claimed that her late mother Ann Cox had never paid her back for!

Reggae music star Bob Marley failed to make a will, despite a lengthy battle with cancer, resulting in dozens of claimants for his £22 million estate

Other quirky wills included Pringles founder, Fred Baur who requested to be cremated and buried inside a Pringles can, and Star Trek creator, Gene Roddenberry, who asked for his ashes be scattered in space!

The longest known will was made by Mrs Frederica Cook. It contained 95,940 words, bound in four volumes, while the shortest ever will was made by a man who simply put 'all for mother'.

Portuguese aristocrat Luis Carlos de Noronha Cabral da Camara made 70 strangers, picked from a phone book, his sole beneficiaries.

Harry Houdini insisted in his will that his wife hold an annual séance so he could reveal himself to her. The great escape artist also left her a secret note with 10 randomly selected words that he would communicate to her after his death. For 10 years his wife held a séance on Halloween but Houdini never turned up!

Famous faces who left no will at all inluded Jimi Hendrix who died in 1970, and the battle over his estate raged on for more than 30 years.

Bob Marley made no will despite an eight-month cancer batte and his £22million fortune had dozens of claimants.

Pablo Picasso died in 1973 at the age of 91, leaving behind a fortune in assets that included artwork, five homes, cash, gold and bonds. But because the artist died intestate it took six years to settle his estate at a cost of £22million among six heirs.

More recently singer Amy Winehouse died without a will and her parents inherited all of her fortune, leaving her ex-husband Blake Fielder-Civil with nothing, while Prince died without a will last year meaning that his fortune - estimated at £112 to £225 million! - will be distributed among his siblings.

The recommended donation for your basic Will Aid will is £95 for a single or £150 for a pair of wills. For more information, visit willaid.org.uk.

Constabulary hosts CadetFest

MORE than 200 police cadets and leaders descended on Lancashire Constabulary headquarters for CadetFest, the national volunteer police cadet annual competition.

Cadets from across the country took part in the themed weekend enjoying physical and mental challenges and a range of activities including an escape room challenge, evidence hunt, bungee run and archery.

Organiser, Sergent Helen Nellany, said: "Lancashire Constabulary hosted the event as our Burnley cadet unit was successful in winning the competition last year. It's a bit like the Eurovision - if you win the event, you host it the year after."

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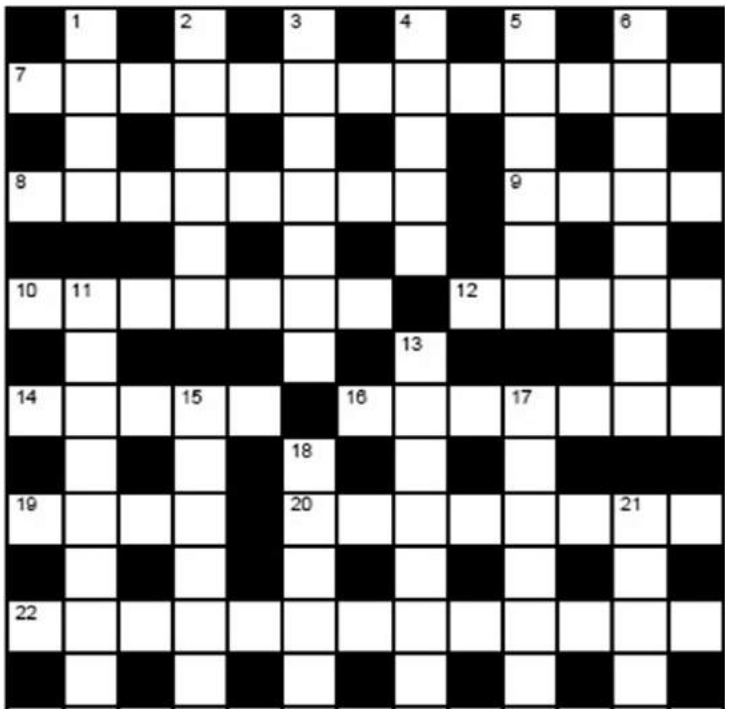

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7 Infinitesimal. 8 Typecast. 9 Ruby. 10 Sputnik. 12 Maori. 14 Sense. 16 Unhitch. 19 Isle. 20 Identify. 22 Unnecessarily.

Down: 1 Envy. 2 Silent. 3 Vitamin. 4 Recto. 5 Sierra. 6 Barbaric. 11 Pleasing. 13 Unleash. 15 Shekel. 17 Intern. 18 Siren. 21 Fall.

ACROSS

7 Informal descriptive term for someone who is very drunk (5-3-5)
8 Reddening and soreness of the skin caused by prolonged exposure to the wind (8)
9 Long poem or film (4)
10 Injured (7)
12 Paste used for sealing glass in window frames (5)
14 Sordid (5)
16 Tie the knot again (7)
19 Female possessive pronoun (4)
20 Usually found on an optician's wall (3,5)
22 Chamber music ensemble (6,7)

DOWN

1 Opposed to (4)
2 Tissue cord attaching a muscle to a bone (6)
3 Dessert dish of baked pastry with fruit filling (7)
4 Pretend blow (5)
5 Rich cream or fruit-filled cake (6)
6 Covered walkway in a monastery or college (8)
11 Dish of beaten eggs cooked in a frying pan (8)
13 Go back on a promise (7)
15 Lightweight cotton cloth in a plain weave (6)
17 Stick fast to (6)
18 Rule as a monarch (5)
21 Ridge of jagged rock, coral or sand just above the surface of the sea (4)

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Medical students' app creation could be a 'cure' for exam stress!

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A MEDICAL student from Ormskirk has launched a revolutionary study platform which aims to help students learn more in less time.

James Gupta, 25, and fellow University of Leeds student Omair Vaiyani created their app, Synap, to help them absorb vast amounts of information during their work towards medical degrees.

The platform that aims to 'kill cramming' and subsequently reduce exam stress and anxiety by using artificial intelligence algorithms to enhance the way students and professionals learn.

James claims that traditional revision methods 'don't cut it' when there are vast volumes of information to memorise.

Techniques

He said: "Traditional methods, such as re-reading a textbook, lead to a temporary, unreliable kind of knowledge that is difficult to apply in exams or in real-world situations.

"Synap will revolutionise the way we learn and end binge-cramming for exams."

The platform works by using learning techniques scientifically proven to increase memory retention.

By making study 'active', the app aims to reduce the stress, anxiety and depression that can be brought on by rote learning and last-minute cramming for exams.

James Gupta co-created Synap

Oxford University Press are teaming up with Synap to channel exclusive and wide-ranging study material to users. The programme has so far been downloaded by 80,000 students.

For more information, visit synap.ac

Pals aim to brew up a boost for charity

TWO friends are hoping that fundraising will be residents' cup of tea when they hold a coffee morning and raffle in Bickerstaffe this month.

Caroline Taylor and Barbara Fairclough are a hosting a 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' event to raise funds for national cancer charity, Macmillan from 11am on Friday, September 30.

They are holding the event, which will run until around 4pm, at the Community Hall on Stockley Crescent.

Raffle prizes up for grabs on the day will include a meal and wine for two at a local pub, haircut and blow-dry at a local hairdressers, hamper, Christmas tree voucher, supermarket voucher, afternoon tea for two, wine, chocolates and flowers.

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National charity's £600 boost for community arts project group

MEMBERS of a community group which aims to make the arts accessible to all, including the most vulnerable in society, are celebrating after being given a £600 boost.

The Divine Days Community Arts Project, which has bases in Burscough and Skelmersdale, was founded by Katie Whitehead, who runs therapeutic and educational programmes for individuals with additional needs, including creative dance and drama workshops.

Now the project has been given £600 by the Barchester Foundation to be used for craft materials, art materials and items for use in their dance sessions.

The Barchester Foundation is a national charity which helps older people and other adults with a disability. Its mission for 2016 is aimed at giving grants which help to connect members of the community.

Delighted

Edward McCarthy from Divine Days said: "We are delighted with this very kind donation. It is a wonderful opportunity for us and I'd like to say thank-you very much to the foundation on behalf of everyone.

"We are starting some new sessions in new locations and this will help us deliver those sessions."

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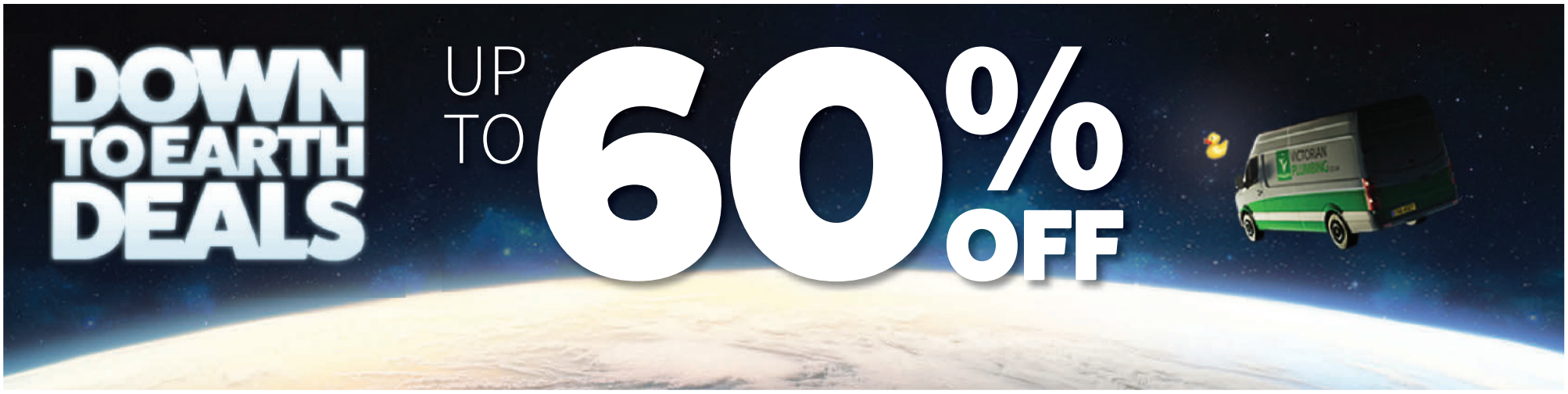

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Community organisations team up to support project to help homeless

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

STAFF from a care home in Ormskirk have paired up with two community organisations in Skelmersdale to support a project which aims to help homeless people in West Lancs.

Abbey Wood Lodge in County Road, Ormskirk launched a Community Care Forum last September for people from a range of organisations to meet and share ideas, activities and events to help mature people become more involved in the community.

Now they have teamed up with staff from the PULSE community hub based in the Concourse in Skelmersdale to get behind the Birchwood Centre's Handbag Appeal.

The Birchwood Centre works with young people aged 13 to 25 to prevent homelessness and improve well-being and provide supported accommodation, deliver mediation, training, plus development and support.

The PULSE community hub is a restaurant and café based in the Concourse.

Angela Pope from PULSE and Barbara Mooney from the Birchwood Centre joined staff at the home Abbey Wood Lodge to discuss their plans for the forum.

Gaye Clark, head of the Athena Health care group, which owns the Ormskirk home and another in Southport, said: "The Handbag Appeal will help less fortunate young adults at the Birchwood centre. They will be given a handbag by one of our staff, filled with everyday products that we all use such as soap, deodorant, hair brushes, shower gels, toothpaste and many more simple daily products."

Barbara Mooney of The Birchwood Centre with Lesley Malone, Magda Clarkson of Brookside Independent Living, Angela Pope of Pulse Community Hub and Gaye Clarke of the Athena Healthcare Group.

Abbey Wood Lodge events organiser, Lesley Malone, added: "After listening to Barbara talking about the Birchwood Centre and Angela talk about PULSE, these two very important organisations will be a great connection for the forum as we have a lot of different organisations relating to elderly people ageing well and we can link up to share our ideas and contacts."

Care trust health professionals sign up to Alzheimer's awareness campaign

SEPTEMBER has been designated World Alzheimer's Month and health professionals from Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust are participating in the international campaign to raise awareness and challenge the stigma that is still often associated with dementia.

The theme for this year's campaign is 'Remember Me' and, as part of this, the trust is calling on health and social care professionals to reflect on the lived experience of people affected by dementia and identify actions they could apply in their everyday practice.

The drive to encourage more people to see how they could make a difference in the lives of people with dementia follows on from the Dementia Awareness and Make a Pledge Event held at the end of July at The Harbour, the trust's mental health hospital in Blackpool.

At that event, veteran dementia campaigner Tommy Whitelaw spoke about the need for people who work with people dementia to pledge one thing that they could do to improve the lives of people with the condition.

'Phenomenal response'

Jo Blofeld, patient and carer experience lead in adult community services at the trust, said: "We invited Tommy to speak about the importance and value of listening to people's lived experience of services to find ways to improve them.

"The response from across the trust was phenomenal and hundreds of staff pledged different things that would really improve the way services are offered to people with dementia.

"To coincide with World Alzheimer's Month we're working to increase pledges and see them threaded throughout the work that we do as a trust. It's only meaningful that we as a trust pledge our collective commitment to make a difference in the way we deal with people with dementia.

"Celebrating World Alzheimer's Month is a great opportunity to raise awareness of dementia and continue working to reduce the stigma attached to it.

"Our goal is to continue to educate people about dementia and make sure people know you can live well with it, and how to do it."

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Appeal to look beyond 'the usual suspects' when it comes to recycling

PEOPLE are being urged to join the hunt for the 'unusual suspects' – items that should be recycled but often end up in the general waste bin.

The aim of this year's National Recycle Week (September 12 to 18) is to get everyone to think about recycling things from around the home that are often missed, such as aerosol cans, foil trays, beauty cream jars, perfume bottles and toilet roll tubes.

Savings

County Councillor Clare Pritchard, Lancashire's lead member for waste, said: "We know that people in Lancashire are good at recycling plastic drinks bottles, food and drink cans, jam jars, cardboard boxes and newspapers.

"But to increase our recycling rates we now need everyone to join the hunt for the unusual suspects that lurk around our homes and often get away without being recycled.

"Recycling is not just for the kitchen - there is so much more you can recycle upstairs, downstairs, outside and in the garage.

"Items like bleach bottles, toothpaste boxes, perfume bottles and aerosol deodorants can all go in your recycling bins."

According to Recycle Now, the national recycling campaign for England which runs the National Recycle Week campaign, it would save £135,000 in landfill costs if every UK household threw their next empty shampoo bottle into the recycling bin.

If you're in any doubt about what you can recycle where you live, you can easily check using the recycling locator at www.recyclenow.com.

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Recycling company boss facing environmental health permit charges

By our **Court Reporter**

THE Ormskirk-based major shareholder of a recycling company has appeared in court in relation to alleged breaches of an environmental health permit.

Patricia Hills, 53, of Moss Delp Lane, Ormskirk, appeared at Liverpool Magistrates Court on September 8 where it was heard she is an 80% shareholder of MWM Recycling based in Redfern Street, Bootle which specialises in collection, treatment and disposal of non-hazardous waste.

She faces two charges of breaching an environment permit by not keeping the waste storage building in a good state of repair and not keeping biodegradable waste in a building.

The offences are alleged to have occurred between April 2013 and July 2015.

She also faces two charges of failing to comply with the requirements of two enforcement notices issued under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010. The first was issued on January 31 2014 and the second on November 14 2014.

A co-accused, Leslie McDowall, who was a 20% shareholder of the company during the time of the allegations, did not attend the hearing.

The matters were adjourned until November 3 to give Mrs Hills time to organise her legal representation and undergo hospital treatment.

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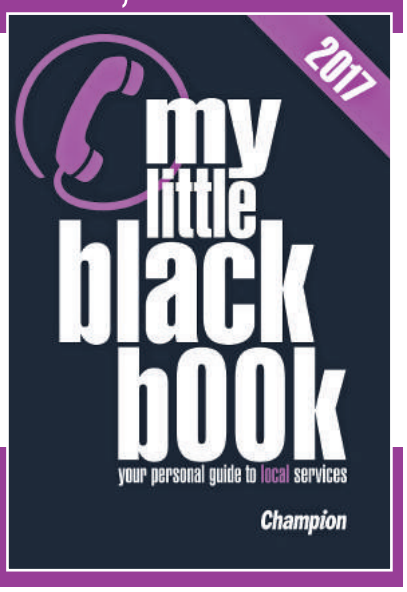

Charity in call for people to heed water safety advice

Report by **Henry James**

THE Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) is calling on people to take note of water safety advice after a summer of drownings has seen a tragic 48 UK citizens reportedly drown in home waters and abroad this summer.

Included in those figures is four-year-old Blossom Kelly from Skelmersdale who died after drowning in a swimming pool during a family holiday in Girona, Spain.

RLSS UK chief executive, Di Steer said: "With 7,723 miles of coastline around the UK as well as 387 lakes and 2,200 miles of canals and rivers it is vital that people understand the dangers of water.

"Any drowning is a tragedy but the number of people who have lost their lives recently is not only extremely sad but is extremely worrying.

"Our thoughts are with the families and friends of each drowning victim at this difficult time as their lives have now changed forever."

Tragic trend

Each year figures reveal a spike in drownings over the summer months. This summer has followed that tragic trend with 48 people losing their lives - 15 deaths abroad and 33 in UK waters, including six in a single week in August.

Around 400 people needlessly die from drowning in the UK every year and thousands more suffer injuries, some life-changing, through near-drowning experiences.

Putting these figures into context, this is the equivalent of one person drowning every 20 hours in the UK. Drowning in the UK accounts for more accidental fatalities annually than fire deaths in the home or cycling deaths on the road.

Skelmersdale toddler Blossom Kelly who who drowned in a swimming pool while on holiday in Spain

In 2015, 321 people drowned in the UK, 117 at the coast and 135 in inland waterways.

Di Steer added: "We want people to listen to our safety messages – advice that could mean the difference between life and death.

"Our 10,000-strong volunteer force will continue their work to spread water safety messages and teach lifesaving skills within their local communities and we will continue to campaign to help stop preventable deaths."

The charity also offers a counselling service for those affected by drowning and near-drowning experiences. To access this service or for more information, contact Porcha Treanor on 01789 774495.

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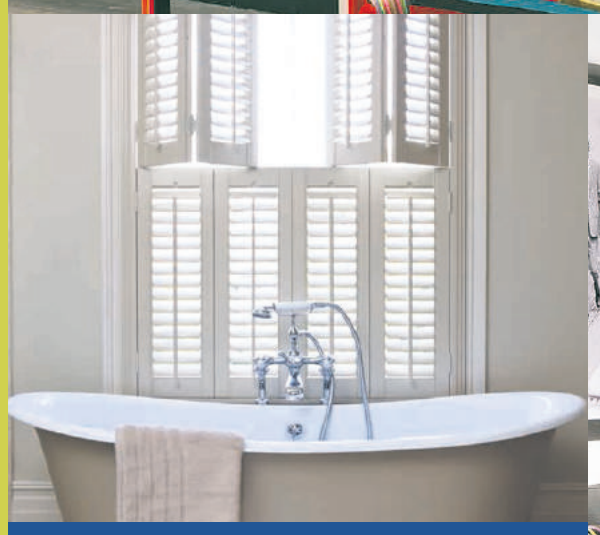

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Martin Mere news

WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre is flying open it's doors on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 September for the annual wildlife spectacular: Animal Magic.

Working with Exotic Zoo, regularly featured on Blue Peter, Animal Magic is the centres most popular family event, with over 4000 people attending last year. Meet a baby crocodile and an armadillo, see wallabies and meerkats, hug a greyhound, cuddle a skunk, watch Asian short-clawed otters and alpacas play, get close to a variety of birds of prey or be scared by lots of reptiles and insects. Most of the displays will be indoors so whatever the weather you are guaranteed a great day out.

Centre Manager, Nick Brooks, said: '"Animal Magic is our most popular family event at the centre. We always try to do events at the Centre that provide a fantastic opportunity for our visitors to experience something new; where you can get very close to or stroke animals such as skunks and meerkats at one event; you can see all kinds of animals you probably wouldn't come across in your day to day life and it is amazing to see so many children enjoy the experience.'

To help you plan your day...
Have a go at free pond dipping at the Pond House to see what creatures you can see in the ponds. There will also be a range of family craft activities for children between 11am and 4pm including face painting, some may include a small charge;

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The event is taking place from 10am to 4pm and normal admission prices will apply to enter the Centre.

For information on these events and other activities happening at the centre visit www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere and click on events, or call 01704 891220.

WWT Martin Mere is open every day from 9.30am to 6pm. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site http://www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere/ to find out what's on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight centres.

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Civic to be venue for murder mystery

TOO Friendly Theatre Company are to perform The Farndale Avenue Townswomen's Guild Murder Mystery.

The stage is set. The raffle prizes have been purchased and Mrs. Beasley's home movie is ready for mass viewing. And thus, the ladies of the Farndale Avenue Townswomen's Guild prepare for their next performance. Lines have been learnt (mostly), props are in the right place (sort of) and countless hours of rehearsal are about to be put to the test. Will they succeed? Well, in order to discover the answer, you will have to come along and watch the performance. In fact, there is more than just that to discover as the new play is a murder mystery, so you really will be asked "whodunit!"

Actually though, it is The Too Friendly Theatre Company who are just about ready for the show. This award winning troupe is presenting the fictional ladies and their Townswomen's Guild as their next production. The Farndale Avenue Townswomen's Guild Murder Mystery is a farce where, despite the efforts of chairwoman, Mrs. Peach to keep things running smoothly, nothing really runs smoothly. With a plot taken right out of an Agatha Christie, Lady Bishop is awaiting the reading of her late husband's will. The family is gathered at chilly old Checkmate Manor, a remote country house by the sea, to see who will inherit it all. But, a killer is on the loose and it seems murder is the main course.

Cue murder, mayhem and madness, not all of which is meant to be in the script, as we watch a play within a play unfolding before us. Of course, the ladies of the Townswomen Guild don't always follow the traditions of putting on a play, so prepare for the unexpected. Neil Woods, who plays Inspector O'Rielly said: "Take Acorn Antiques, add a dash of Airplane, a dash of Monty Python and a large dollop of Noises Off and mix well with the fictional worst amateur dramatics group in the known universe and that will give you a flavour of the Farndale Ave."

The play is on from September 29 to October 1 at Ormskirk Civic Hall.

Tickets can be purchased on 01704 560229 and you can find out more from their facebook site or check out www.too-friendlytheatre.com

Sound of the Deep South comes to town

Review by **Ron Ellis**

Lil' Jimmy Reed
The Atkinson Studio

WHEN the great Jimmy Reed failed to show up sober for a gig, a local boy, Leon Atkins, took his place and he went down so well that, when Jimmy Reed died, he changed his name to Lil' Jimmy Reed and started a new career that has made him a star in his own right.

Lil' Jimmy Reed with the Champion's Ron Ellis

I saw Jimmy Reed when he came to Britain in the Sixties and this guy was just as good.

Accompanied on the piano by Britain's finest boogie-woogie player, Bob Hall, with Bob's partner, Hilary Blyth on bass, Lil' Jimmy, just about the last now of the great Louisiana bluesmen, played a superb set of blues numbers that were the bedrock of the Sixties rhythm 'n' blues scene in Britain and which influenced bands like The Rolling Stones and The Yardbirds.

Looking tall, slim and remarkably agile (unlike his namesake) for his nearly eighty years, and dressed in a sparkling silver jacket, he played his way through the Jimmy Reed songbook with favourites like Going to New York, Honest I do and Bright Lights Big City.

He also included his interpretations of, among others, Willie Dixon's Hoochie Coochie Man and Big Joe Turner's TV Mama which was for me the highlight of his act when he came down from the stage and wandered round the tables singing and playing. For a brief few moments, The Atkinson was transformed into a Chicago juke joint.

Guesting for the night was Merseybeat legend and one of the country's top instrumentalists, The Undertakers' saxophonist, Brian Jones, whom I last saw a fortnight ago at the Liverpool Loves Merseybeat Festival.

Wearing an equally sparkling jacket, but in blue, Brian's music was the perfect complement to Jimmy's guitar and harmonica work and the band as a whole sounded as tight as if they had been together for years.

A great convert although, having said that, a drummer to complete the line-up would have been the icing on the cake for me.

Star Rating: 8 out of 10. The sound of the Deep South comes to Southport.

Drama club to open their new season

The Game by Harold Brighouse
Southport Dramatic Club at the Little Theatre, Southport

SOUTHPORT Dramatic Club open their new season with a northern comedy by the writer of Hobson's Choice, Harold Brighouse.

Set in the 1920's in the industrial heartland of Lancashire, the plot centres round football team Blackton Rovers. The club has fallen on hard times and the chairman, Austin Whitworth, has sold his star centre forward, Jack Metherell, who happens to be courting his daughter, to a rival club to bring in some money.

It is now the last game of the season and, if they lose, the Rovers will be relegated which will mean financial ruin but the team they are playing is Jack's new club.

With so much at stake, Whitworth asks Jack to throw the game as an act of loyalty, forcing Jack to choose between his professional honesty or loyalty to his old club and also his possible future father-in-law.

His girlfriend begs him to do as her father wishes but Jack has his overbearing mother putting her tuppence worth in.

Not too much different to today's game then -chicanery over money, the financial disaster of relegation, pampered millionaire footballers and the rise of the WAGS.

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Aged 79 years

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APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2016/0901/FUL Variation of Condition No. 6 imposed on planning permission 2014/1257/FUL to vary the approved plans at Land At Aughton Chase, Springfield Road, Aughton.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/0862/FUL Variation of Conditions Nos. 2 and 5 imposed on planning permission 2015/0900/FUL to allow the conversion of the first floor of the existing shop to 12 bed student HMO at Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation, 26 Aughton Street, Ormskirk.

Application No: 2016/0884/FUL Replacement of wooden front door with UPVC to front elevation of the property at 1 Mill Leat Close, Parbold.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

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John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration — Dated: 14th September 2016 PDNOT915

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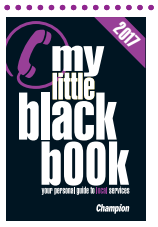

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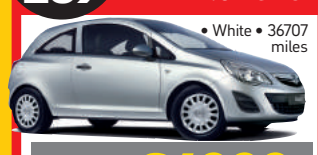

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Revival motor festival was a jolly Goodwood show!

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The Goodwood Revival is a step back in time to racing in the 1960s

DEAR Lord March, I very much enjoyed your nostalgia-tinged car show on the outskirts of Chichester last weekend.

I suspect just about every other petrolhead from across Europe did too, given the size of the traffic jams on the way in and the fact the 3,500 classic cars eventgoers brought along made what's effectively a visitor car park bigger than most classic car shows in its own right.

The Goodwood Revival is a motoring event quite unlike any other. Nowhere else has the same near-obsessive attention to detail – everything from the cars and bikes to the shops and costumes has to fit in with the idea you've somewhere stepped back in time to 1966. Nothing else has quite the same scale of ambition too. You might think squeezing the cream of the world's touring car talent, Le Mans winners and David Coulthard into identical Austin A35s for a race sounds a bit far-fetched. But it isn't. Last weekend the sort of race you'd dream up six pints into a night out actually happened.

But there is one real problem with the Goodwood Revival.

It's miles away, and nothing in the North even comes close.

The Cholmondeley Pageant of Power – sorry, Cholmondeley Power and Speed – is a noisy step in the right direction but it doesn't have quite the same atmosphere or scale as the Revival. An event I went to over in Scarborough last year, the East Coast Classic, nailed the motorsport pedigree bit by bringing classic cars to an old street racing circuit but lacked the sort of ruthlessly efficient timetable that makes the Revival's every-other-minute thrills so beautifully coordinated. The closest thing I can think of is the Oulton Park Gold Cup, which is brilliant and very well attended but lacks Goodwood's sense of theatre.

What you need to do, M'Lord, is venture up here and bring a little Revival sparkle to the North West.

Happily we've just the venue too; Aintree. We already hold a small race meet there called the Grand National but it's also the place where Sir Stirling Moss won his first British Grand Prix. It's steeped in motor racing history, and thanks to all the horse racing fans it has proper grandstands and facilities too. I think you can see where I'm going with this one.

Just imagine how brilliant it would be if you could have some Team Lotus F1 cars or Jaguar C-types belting around the circuit in its full, three-mile glory. You could insist everyone dressed up in 1960s costume too, and have vintage aircraft circling overhead. There's so much potential for a Goodwood of the North – and we have the perfect place for it, right here.

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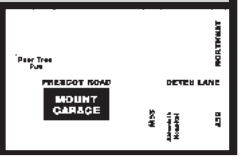

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Critchley the destroyer as Burscough lose despite century from Navdeep

BURSCOUGH dropped to seventh place in the First Division with a 42 run defeat at Wigan on Saturday.

The hosts piled up 231-4 dec thanks to John Richardson (90*), Matt Critchley (79) and Aaron Redmond (39).

In reply, Burscough were bowled out for 189 with Navdeep Aujla unbeaten on 115 (inc 11x4 & 3x6), whilst Derbyshire's Critchley took 6-64 to cap off a fine personal day.

Ainsdale clinched promotion with a 41 run victory at home against Highfield, the hosts were indebted to some middle order heroics from Darren Tyms (47), Connor Windell (37) and Sam Lucas (31) as they posted 201 on the scoreboard, with James Taylor taking 3-23.

In reply, Jake Burrows (56) and Martyn Jenks (39) gave the visitors hope at 101-4, before Martyn Farrell (6.73) spun the game in Ainsdale's favour as Highfield were dismissed for 160.

Second placed Southport & Birkdale are now favourites to go up with Ainsdale after a 120 win at relegation threatened Maghull,

S&B recovered from 44-5 to post 191, thanks to vital runs from Dean Skelton (57), Nick Knight (29) and skipper Chris Firth (26), with Aqib Nawaz 3-38 and Liam Johnson 3-41 taking the bowling honours.

In reply, Jackson Burns 6-37 and Andy Warhurst 4-17 then tore through Maghull as the hosts were dismissed for just 71.

Fleetwood Hesketh dropped down to fifth place with a 46 run home defeat to Newton le Willows.

The visitors posted 151 up on the board with Furqan Shafiq and Chris Chambers scoring 30 each, whilst Issy Perera playing his last match of the season took his seasons wicket tally to 66 with 7-59

In reply the hosts slipped from 43-1 to 105 all out (Connor Allison 26), with Danny Barlow 5-32 and Shafiq 3-34 doing the damage with the ball.

This weekend's local LDCC First Division fixtures: .Burscough v Maghull, Fleetwood Hesketh v Sefton Park, Prestatyn v Ainsdale and Southport & Birkdale v Newton le Willows.

Ormskirk crush Colwyn Bay but it's Leigh who take title

The Liverpool & District Cricket Competition draws to a close this weekend with some of our local sides still in hunt for promotion and one fighting hard to stave off relegation.

Fourth placed Ormskirk had a 118 run home win over Colwyn Bay.

The hosts put 189 up on the board, with Josh Bohannon (47) and Nicky Caunce (41) in good touch, whilst Mundhe took 6-78 and Holtby 4-98.

In reply, Tom Hartley 3-0, Bohannon 3-16 and Scott Lees 3-23 helped dismantle the visitors for 71.

The Premier Division title was won by Leigh last weekend, with Formby taking over second place with a 55 run home win over Northern who drop to third.

The hosts made 146 with Ben Aitchison (34*) and James Seward (32) top scoring, whilst Tom Sephton took 3-44.

In reply Davy Smith (34) top scored for the visitors who were dismissed for 91, with Mark O'Connor 4-28, Stephen Parry 3-24 and Tym Crawford 3-35 doing all the damage.

Fifth placed Bootle had a two wicket win at Rainhill, the hosts put 165 up on the board, thanks to in the main to Ross Higham who scored 74, with Danny Davies taking 5-51 with the ball.

In reply, Greg Butterworth (47) and Ashley McDonald (29) helped pave the way for Neil Williams (30*) to finish things off and take Bootle to 168-8.

This weekend's local LDCC Premier Division fixtures (noon start): Birkenhead Park v Ormskirk, Colwyn Bay v Bootle, Northern v New Brighton and Wallasey v Formby.

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Mahoney scores the winner after a brilliant solo run. Picture by John Driscoll.

Mahoney seals Skem win with wonder solo goal

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Skelmersdale United 1
Corby Town 0

SUMMER signing Callum Mahoney was the hero after his stunning solo goal was the difference between the two sides.

The goal itself saw Mahoney latch onto the ball some 15 yards outside the Skelmersdale penalty area after it was cleared from a corner.

He then dribbled some 75 yards before slotting it neatly into the net for a remarkable winning effort.

It was Mahoney who had the first shot at goal, going wide of the far post in the third minute. A minute later from a free-kick, Skelmersdale goalkeeper Martin Fearon saved from a Brad Lee-Gascoigne back header. In the latter stages of the half, Dylan Vassallo cut in from the right and brought a magnificent diving save out of Corby goalkeeper Aidan Grant.

Just before the hour mark a good build-up resulted in a Chris Almond shot that went close, then from a free-kick Fearon kept out a powerful shot from Ben Milnes.

The crucial moment that decided the match came on 70 minutes. A Corby corner was punched out by Fearon and fell to Mahoney outside the Skelmersdale area, the 20 year old surged up the field, eventually leaving two defenders in his wake, on reaching the Corby penalty area Grant left his line to close him down, but Mahoney slotted the ball past him for what proved to be the winner. Out of frustration, Corby centre-forward Callum Ball kicked the ball into the Skelmersdale dugout, which resulted in him receiving a straight red card.

Skem coach Dominic Finnegan followed him into the stand due to his involvement.

Ball had been the main threat for the visitors and his loss made a difference as Skelmersdale managed to hold on for the three points.

Skem are without a fixture this weekend but are due to travel to Nantwich on Tuesday, September 20. But this could be called off if Nantwich draw their weekend FA Cup clash against Marine.

Tommy Lawson has hinted that new faces will be added to the squad, adding that at least one is expected to be on loan from a Football League club.

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Linnets still without league win

Burscough 1
Radcliffe Borough 2

BURSCOUGH'S winless streak in the league continued last weekend after losing at home to Radcliffe Borough.

The Linnets, who are joint bottom of the table on two points after five games, are still without a win in the league this season under new manager David Powell.

The away side opened the scoring just before half time and then doubled the advantage on the hour mark.

Burscough grabbed a lifeline on 75 minutes through Liam Hollett but the home side couldn't find an equiliser despite some late pressing.

The Linnets are due to travel to Litherland Remyca tonight (Wednesday) in the LCFA Senior Cup.

They travel to Handsworth Parramore on Saturday in the FA Cup qualifying round.

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